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- 1. CONSIDERING THE IMPORTANCE OF THE BURMA PROGRAM AND THE COMMITMENTS ALREADY MADE, THE DEPARTMENT BELIEVES STRONGLY THAT WE SHOULD ADHERE TO THE CURRENT DELIVERY SCHEDULE OF MAKING THE FIRST SIX HELICOPTERS AVAILABLE TO BURMA AND THE NEXT FIVE TO THAILAND. PRODUCTION SCHEDULE FOR THAI PROGRAM REMAINS AS STATED PARA 1 REFTEL.
- 2. WE HAVE EXPLORED WITH BELL THE POSSIBILITY OF ACCELERATING ITS PRODUCTION SCHEDULE AND THEY, DESPITE INDICATIONS TO THE CONTRARY DURING DISCUSSIONS LAST AUGUST (PARA 3 REFTEL), MAINTAIN NO CHANGES IN ABOVE SCHEDULE CAN BE MADE. THE PRODUCTION LINE FOR THE 205 A-1 THEY EXPLAIN, IS NOT EQUIPPED TO TURN OUT MORE THAN ONE OR TWO OF THESE AIRCRAFT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PER MONTH. MOREOVER, LONG LEAD TIMES FOR CRITICALLY SCARCE

PRODUCTION COMPONENTS PROHIBIT ANY CHANGE IN THIS SCHEDULE. IN DISCUSSIONS WITH DEPARTMENT ON FEBRUARY 7, BELL REAFFIRMED THIS SITUATION. PLEASE BE ASSURED THAT WE WENT TO EXTRAORDINARY LENGTHS TO ARRANGE EVEN THE CURRENT SCHEDULE OF DELIVERY AND IT WAS ONLY WITH THE GREATEST

RELUCTANCE THAT BELL AGREED TO IT.

3. HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF INTEREST IN EXPEDITING DELIVERY, WE WILL ARRANGE FOR AIR SHIPMENT OF HELICOPTERS. AT YOUR DISCRETION, YOU MAY ADVISE APPROPRIATE THAI OFFICIALS ACCORDINGLY. KISSINGER

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